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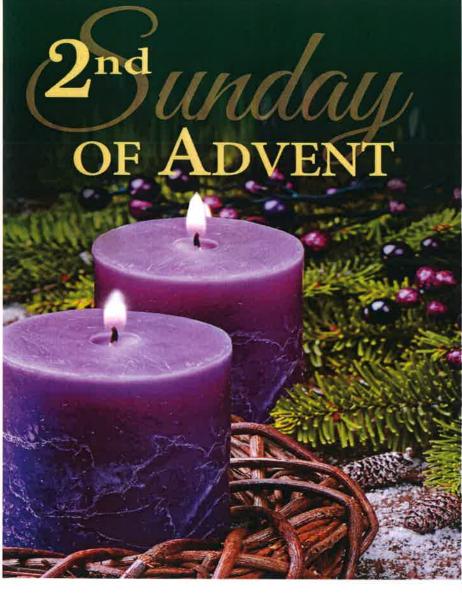
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# Today's Readings begin on pg. 861 Year A

Isaiah 11:1-10

He shall judge the poor with justice. Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

Romans 15:4-9

Christ saves everyone.

**Matthew 3:1-12** Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Saturday, December 6th 8:30AM (St. J) -Healing Mass 4:00 PM - (St. J)-For Gail Angela Benjamin by Maria Schultz.

Sunday, December 7th 8:00AM—(St. P)

-For Lawrence Ritter by Gerry Ritter. 9:30AM—(St. J)

-For Living & Deceased Members of The Doolittle & Rapaic Families.

6:00PM —(SJ) Vigil Mass for The Immaculate Conception of the **Blessed Virgin Mary** 

-For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions.

Monday, December 8th Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day) 8:30AM - (St. J)

-For the Living & Deceased Children of Tyler & Megen Bourgeois. 6:00PM —(SP)

-For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions.

Tuesday, December 9th 8:30AM—(St. J) -For Robert Jenks by Renee Scheve.

Wednesday, December 10th 7:15AM-8:15AM—(St. J) Holy Hour (no mass) -8:30AM - (St. P)

-For Joan Kraeger (Memorial) by Ginger Scheve.

Thursday, December 11th 8:30AM—(St. J) -For Emma Lyon by Mr.& Mrs. Millick.

Friday, December 12th 8:30AM—(St. J)

-For Albert & Joe Kraeger by Ginger Scheve.

Saturday, December 13th 8:30AM (St. J)

-For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions. 4:00 PM— (St. J)

-For Rita Rocker O'Brien by

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Rocker.

Sunday, December 14th 8:00AM—(St. P)

-For The Hudon Family by Omer Hudon. 9:30AM—(St. J)

-For John Sugar by Jane & Family.

## **OFFICE HOURS**

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#### **MASS TIMES**

#### **Daily Mass**

Monday through Friday 8:30AM (SJ) Boonville; Saturday 8:30AM (SJ) Wednesday 8:30AM (SP) Forestport

#### **Holy Hours**

Monday—Friday 7:15AM-8:15AM (SJ) Exposition and praying of the Rosary during the Holy Hour.

#### **Sunday Mass**

Vigil Saturday 4:00PM (SJ) Boonville Sunday 8AM (SP) Forestport (confessions from 7:15AM-7:45AM (SP) 9:30AM (SJ) Boonville

#### **Baptism**

Please call the office to make arrangements.

#### **Marriage**

Please make an appointment with the priest at least 6 Months prior to wedding date.

#### Reconciliation

Sacrament of Reconciliation Monday-Friday 6PM-6:30PM (SJ) 3:00-3:45PM Saturdays at St Joseph's, Boonville and 7:15-7:45AM Sunday at St Patrick's, Forestport

† To request either the Anointing of the Sick or Communion to the Sick please call the Parish Office. †



"SEARCHING FOR AND MAINTAINING PEACE" BY FR. JACQUES PHILIPPE

Please join us at Gill Hall on Tuesday evenings from 6:30PM-8:00PM for a light meal and discussion with Fr. Ward on the above book.

Fr. Ward will also be holding weekly meetings in Gill Hall on Wednesdays from 6:30PM-7:30PM on the subject of OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) for interested individuals. The initial sessions will focus on inquiry.

Dear Friends in Christ.

In The First Reading this weekend, we hear something of a description of the new creation that is to come: Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb,



and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain...

As has been mentioned, the season of Advent is a time of anticipation for the coming of the Lord. We anticipate not just the celebration of His Nativity, but we also look to His second coming when He will bring judgement upon the earth. In the Second Epistle of St. Peter, we read the following:

The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Exhortation to Preparedness. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace. (1 Peter 3:9-14)

The Catechism of the Catholic explains: In an ancient prayer the Church acclaims the mystery of the Eucharist: "O sacred banquet in which Christ is received as food, the memory of his Passion is renewed, the soul is filled with grace and a pledge of the life to come is given to us." ... the Eucharist is also an anticipation of the heavenly glory. ... Whenever the Church celebrates the Eucharist she remembers this promise and turns her gaze "to him who is to come." In her prayer she calls for his coming: "Marana tha!" "Come, Lord Jesus!" "May your grace come and this world pass away!" The Church knows that the Lord comes even now in his Eucharist and that he is there in our midst. However, his presence is veiled. Therefore we celebrate the Eucharist "awaiting the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ," asking "to share in your glory when every tear will be wiped away." (CCC, #1402-1404)

It is such a great gift to join with you all as we celebrate the Eucharistic liturgy in the hope of being gathered again in the joy of the kingdom that will be free of sin, suffering and death. If we are prepared for Jesus coming to us in Holy Communion, we will be ready when He comes to lead us all into the new creation.

Grace be with you all, Rev. Thomas I. Ward



### We remember in our prayers

Charles Mooney, Frances Miller,
Jamie Uhl-Goosman, Jeffrey Batt, Lorraine King,
Walt Belewich, Sr., Jim White,
John Bailey, Cretia Carpenter, Candace Schaffer,
David Hoffman, Michael Stinebrickner,
Ron Cuccaro, Michelle Durney Croniser,
Alan Ripp, Wayne Millnitz, Rick Dano,
Matthew King,, Tim Thayer, Eric Wayne Brown,
Everett Otto Stoots, and Jeremy VanValkenburg

#### **FAITH FORMATION 2025/2026**

Students will be having their Christmas Party on Sunday, December 14th during their regular class time. They will also be making Christmas cards for the residents at Sunset Nursing Home.

No Faith Formation classes Dec. 21st & 28th

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR!

#### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Joseph's Church Monday, December 15th from 4PM-7PM.



#### ADVENT PRAYER

Dear Lord,
In this season of bustle,
help us to stay watchful
and alert
to the spaces and places
You are calling us to bring
Your love and light.
Amen.

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Through generous donations from our community we were able to distribute Turkeys with all the trimmings to our families. We thank everyone that continues to keep the food pantry in their thoughts throughout the holiday season.

A special thank you to our team of volunteers that give their time to move and distribute food with us.

We hope you all have a Happy Holiday and a healthy New Year!

If you are in need of food, please reach out to us, we are here to help! 315-507-0547.

#### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS**

Our final activity of the year is the assembly and delivery of Fruit & Snack Baskets to shut-ins, the elderly, and those grieving the loss of a loved one this past year. This outreach activity took place this weekend, Dec. 6 and 7, at Kiefer Hall.

Approximately 40 baskets were delivered to parishioners in Boonville, Forestport, Otter Lake, Remsen and Marcy. Merry Christmas!

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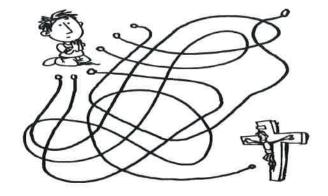
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# KIDS CORNER







Jesus forgave the people who killed him. He expects you to forgive people who hurt you, too. Think of one person with whom you have been angry. Ask God to help you forgive that person, because Jesus forgives you.